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## Bible Thought for Today

January 10

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT—Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.—Exodus 20:16.

### THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

The time approaches when the voters of Tulsa must choose their municipal officers for the ensuing two years. Ordinarily it is a mere conventional election in our history, but in the present case such a statement is more than a conventional, because it is true and demonstrable.

There is pending the greatest constructive enterprise Tulsa has ever undertaken, the Spavinaw water project. It is the whole-souled interest of The World to see this great work carried speedily to completion and in a manner that will leave no stain either upon the escutcheon of the city or the record of any of its citizens. To that achievement the next administration of both the city and the non-partisan water commission is committed; with that great task the men we call to authority are to be entrusted. And it is to be the heavy task of this paper to follow that work painstakingly in an effort to protect the city and the taxpayers against every form of graft and waste.

In addition to the water undertaking Tulsa awaits constructive achievement in other directions to which the new city officials will be permitted by genuine and proper opportunity to contribute in no small degree. The urban and interurban transportation question presses for solution. Whether or not the best solution is an official attitude of helpfulness and encouragement to those already holding securities in these enterprises, or through political bickerings in the hope of making partisan medicine, constitutes both the issue and the line of demarcation between what is right and what is merely politic.

Courageous, constructive, able leadership in municipal government should, and in proper circumstances will, afford the rallying point for the citizenship of this municipality in all things. One of the regrettable phases of the times is that we emerge from the destructive and disquieting process of deflation we find ourselves, as a community, very largely without acceptable leadership commercially, financially and politically. The disturbing consequence is factions, petty broils, a too critical attitude toward each other. Our citizenship is torn asunder by urgings both unsound and unnatural.

The opportunity for a strong, sane, honest character to step forward and fill the position which not only awaits but begs for an incumbent was never better. Neither rampant partisanship nor blatant mediocrity can be successfully embrace the opportunity. In its possession of sheer human material of the highest type and qualifications, no community anywhere near its size compares with Tulsa. But such men must needs make sacrifice to serve and it is a sacrifice which fails to inspire acceptance when there is involved in it the disturbing and painful practices of acrimonious and personal partisan bickering or narrow prejudices which blind men to the beauties of opportunities which ask acceptance in the name and interest of the whole community and not in the name and interest of a mere faction, be it partisan or otherwise.

The World frankly confesses that its interest in the forthcoming campaign, like its interests in Tulsa and its future, refuses to be circumscribed by either partisan or factional considerations. The World has too long and too steadfastly proclaimed its confidence in non-partisan municipal elections as a sound policy for ending discord and abating violent disagreements to require any repetition at this time and place. It is still committed by both previous expression and present conviction to that doctrine.

It had hoped on the occasion of the last municipal campaign, when it arbitrarily disturbed a partisan arrangement of its own political organization by placing on its ticket a candidate of the opposition, that before another election the charter would be so amended that never again would it be necessary for men who think alike—whose interests are identical in all respects save alone the mere partisan respect—that never again would it be necessary for these

constructive elements of the Tulsa citizenship to divide at the polls.

If its wish and expectation has not been realized, if such wish is not to be realized in time for holding the election in April, it will be through no fault of this publication and that fact will not deter it in its approach of consideration of candidates and ambitions and issues in the broadest nonpartisan spirit and solely from the standpoint of what it considers best for Tulsa and the program we all have adopted.

We want Tulsa to continue to grow until at last it attains the high destiny marked out for it. We want the measure of men to be honesty, good citizenship, loyalty to the community and its proper ambitions. We do not want the future of this magnificent asylum for men of all nations, all faiths, all conditions, all professions and all vocations, circumscribed either by creed or prejudice. We do want to see Tulsa consecrated in both theory and fact to constitutional government, its obligations and its unbounded opportunities as set forth in the magna charta of both the state and the nation.

This much, we have felt it not only our right, but our duty to say in advance of the opening of the campaign, in the hope that criminalities and recriminations might be avoided, that constructive thought might be attracted to the proper consideration of the duty that will presently fall upon all of us, to the end that a just and lasting era of harmony and good will and co-operation may be attained and the glory of Tulsa realized in abundant measure.

### SENSITIVE MR. HARRISON.

Senator Harrison, "the gentleman from Mississippi," is, we think, either unduly sensitive over the employment of Secretary Hays by the motion picture interests or altogether partial and therefore without claim to a sincere, honest hearing.

Mr. Harrison is aggrieved that a mere business concern should reach its hands into the high government service and pluck therefrom a man of distinction and influence. He finds it agreeable to his judgment to charge that said business interest has ulterior motives, that it does not seek the services of the man in the usual manner, but covets him for his influence in governmental affairs. Reading between the lines of Mr. Harrison's diatribe we are forced to conclude that the gentleman fears Mr. Hays as head of the motion picture interests may turn every movie screen in the nation into a sort of campaign for republican success during the autumnal festivities when a new congress is being elected.

We are less disposed to defend Mr. Hays than we are to chide Mr. Harrison. All "the gentleman from Mississippi" says may be true. But if true—if the Hays elevation to premiership in movie circles at a fabulous salary be a menace to the country, what is to be said concerning the case of Mr. McAdoo in whose footsteps Mr. Hays is now trodding?

Was that not also a menace to the republic? Mr. McAdoo did not only graduate from the public service into the movies, he jumped the game, quit the ship, run out on his fellows, quit gold, as it were, at a time when he had got the country into the very devil of a shape and refused to stay with the job until it was done. And "Mac" avowedly went for the purpose of bettering his private fortune. That he began running for the presidency the minute he donned a sombrero and began posing in front of the camera and continues to run for the presidency up to the present inauspicious moment, may or may not constitute a significant phase of the matter.

What we mean to point out is that the good democrat, McAdoo, heir-apparent and son-in-law, really established the precedent that Bill Hays has seen fit to follow. Maybe Bill is running for the presidency. Who knows? Surely if Bill Hays is a menace in responding to what the theologians denigrate as "effectual calling," Bill McAdoo was and is too. Possibly the movie trust wants a president in the family and is playing both ends against the middle.

### KEEP THE FORMULAS SAFE.

The powers have with considerable formality and pomp abolished the use of poisoned gas in war. However prudence require that each file in some safe place the formula for whatever deadly gas may be available.

We have observed the general tendency on the part of man to use whatever weapons at

hand when engaged in a fight. In personal combat, for instance, hitting, gouging, kicking and butting all are employed as necessity arises. In future wars the rules laid down now will be respected until some nation is sorely pressed, when, if there appears a possibility of success by so doing, poison gas, poisoned bullets, submersibles and every other known element of destruction will be readily called in to service.

It would then be unfortunate for any nation to have misplaced its formulas and inventions.

### Oklahoma Outbursts

By OTIS LORTON

The first thing any of us know somebody will give Major Ope credit for winning the war.

Judge Tom Owen has gone and did just what he said he wouldn't but what everybody believed he would, and in order to give his announcement for governor wide-spread publicity he made it before a party of Muskogee women.

A bright little 2-year-old Tulsa Junior, already wise to the ways even unto a couple of generations before him, ran across a box of parched chips the other day, which caused him to exclaim in childish lisp: "Ha, four pokes, save granddaddy."

The man who is building that new hotel in Wichita is a wise one. Knowing how hard it is for visitors in Wichita to find their way back to their hotel, he is going to put a revolving light in a tower on top of the building which can be seen for 25 miles.

We don't know anything about it, but it strikes this disinterested spectator that Snopce X could very much simplify the matter, and relieve the unrest, if he would just come right out in meeting and tell when and who let the contract for sewer No. 156.

Important note of a big fire in Vinita, clipped from the Journal, which ought to be studied by the fire insurance risk: Samuel Green, of the postoffice force, found a well-filled suitcase near the Traverser property on South Wilson as he was coming from his home.

Federal Judge R. L. Williams refused to let a plaintiff in a damage suit display her knee to show the extent of her injuries the other day because it might intimidate the jury. Had the plaintiff been up-to-date in style the request of counsel and order of court denying it would have been unnecessary.

### Touchstones of Success

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STAYING AT IT AND NEVER LETTING UP.  
 By STRICKLAND GILLILAN, Baltimore.  
 Author and Lecturer.

The fifteen to twenty publications, standard magazines, trade publications and house organs—that look to me for a weekly or a monthly contribution of from a few hundred to several thousand "well-chosen" words, in prose or rhyme, do not realize perhaps that they are putting a premium on mule-headed stubbornness and a blind spot that falls forever upon the word "can't." There are many, many writers in this country who can write large and spacious rings around me, who produce almost nothing and get almost nothing for it, because they lack this eternal stick-to-it which has made me merely a healthy beginner at 50 years of age.

Likewise, the 200,000 or so individuals I speak to face to face annually, on the lecture platform in lecture and chauntaluga work and at public or private dinners, do not know that they are rewarding the same characteristic. But each of the above paragraphs hints at the direct truth. Beyond a rather prodigious vocabulary and an ear for rhythm inherited from and drilled into me by a most remarkable mother, I had no equipment for writing. And aside from a wholly inextinguishable stock of call-like awkwardness (that I thought was a handicap until I found it came nearer being an asset) I had none of the makings of a public speaker. But I stayed at it. I never let up. I have not succeeded, but I have started. And before I finish I shall have succeeded. As the Irishman said in answer to the "Don't that beat hell" query of his friend as the two witnessed a most impressive mass meeting led by several thousands of kneeling people, "That's the intention!"

### Barometer of Public Opinion

A Fair Editorial Page.  
 Editor World: I commend you editorially. As a democrat, formerly from Pennsylvania and one of your regular readers, I have just read your editorial on former President Wilson, in the issue of the January 3 World, received today, and am glad to see on account of a few uncomplimentary statements made. However my notion of a nonpartisan editor is more than re-established through this editorial. I am glad to see you have settled some issue wherein you adhere close to facts, unpleasant though they are, not permitting your editorial page to get beyond the realm of truth, even when the article is eulogistic in nature. It is a real pleasure to find an actual nonpartisan editorial page now and then. Yours very truly,  
 CHESTER T. HARPER.  
 Denver, January 5.

Warm Welcome for the Animals.  
 A whole herd of white mules and blind tigers spent the holidays in Glasgow, the guests of bootleggers. They will remain over indefinitely and are pleased with the town.—Glasgow Times.

The Hope That Springs Eternal.  
 A republican congressman from Kentucky has introduced a bill abolishing examinations for postmasters and permitting the president to make all nominations. Happy days!—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Just Like I'm In Jail.  
 Another thing that requires pretty frequent revision downward is a man's estimate of how much longer the coal pile's going to last, even in a mild winter.—Ohio State Journal.

Wayne, We Hope You're Right.  
 Wayne B. Wheeler, of the Anti-Saloon league, says the outlook for 1922 is good. But there are various interpretations of what he means by "good."—Dayton News.

White Mule Had Cantered Away.  
 A still of 1,200 gallons capacity has been captured near Houston, but Christmas was so recent that only the capacity was left.—Houston Post.

We Still Remain Calm.  
 For most of us the fact that Debs is out of jail means simply that Debs is out of jail. No other significance attaches.—Nashville Tennessean.

Not Before Breakfast Anyway.  
 It is not astonishing to learn that Charlie Chaplin is a Britisher. No American would throw away a custard pie.—Milwaukee Journal.

Right to the Fountain Head.  
 Senator Borah wanted to obtain some of Mr. Wilson's views so he naturally went to Joe Tumulty.—Indianapolis Star.

The Future Looks Very Dark.  
 Something tells us that Debs saved up a heap of speeches while he was at Atlanta.—Dallas News.

Just Listen to This, Congress.  
 Where there are so many blockheads there are sure to be some blocs.—Columbus Dispatch.

Good Morning, Colonel Remorse.  
 If it wasn't for the day after it would be a great old life.—Maysville Independent.

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## Great Servants

By NORA COLE SKINNER



Nora Cole Skinner.

He that is great among you must be your servant. It is one of the great truths that comes not to be understood until a future year brings thought, and world contact brings illustrations from life.

Recently one of the public school teachers told of how it always mystified her until lately she had made plain to her that she had heard the quotation often, she said: "heard sermons preached on it, but I had to see it lived before it became clear."

As a child she accepted it literally—and of course she couldn't see how a servant could be the greater or the first. But of late she had occasion to spend some time in the office of a school principal, and there she found this principal, the greatest, a servant to many.

The principal is a woman and a good one, a good woman and a good principal. She is by far the greatest person in her school. Every child looks upon her with adoration, awe and respect; the teachers follow her suggestions and requests gladly; the janitor obeys her slightest wish with alacrity (quite a lot for a janitor); and the parents esteem and follow her judgment largely in regard to their children at home.

Still, the teacher was surprised to see that although the principal is the greatest, she serves them all. She may be sitting quietly in her office making out reports or regulations when a teacher sends in for

some supplementary reader needed immediately, while others send in for paste, scissors or any of the general supplies which are kept in the principal's office. A boy comes in with a splinter in his foot that demands attention and medical aid, and the woman who runs the lunchroom arrives and wants advice or help about groceries that have not come or the behavior of boys and girls who won't behave while in the lunchroom. The janitor drops in to ask directions in the placing of desks, and hardly has she returned to her office from the aid of some one of these when a distracted mother phones to complain that Johnny Green fights her little boy on the way from school and will the principal please see that he stops. Thus her hands reach out and beyond.

It is not an unusual day, this, but every day, and these only a part of what she performs. True, while she is the greatest, she is her servant—a servant having not that he setting in of many who think they would serve but so eager to be the results of their handwork in full bloom that they have not time to assist in the slow process of growth.

### CROP REPORT IS FAVORABLE

Oklahoma Products Totaled Almost Two Million—Cotton Leads.  
 OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 9.—Oklahoma crops in 1921 had a combined value of \$175,677,000, according to estimates contained in the weekly letter of the state board of agriculture issued here. All values were based on prices as of December 1. Despite the fact that prices were lower for several years, the letter declared the total compares favorably with those of past years. Cotton retained its lead as the principal crop of the state during the year, the letter said. Its margin over wheat was given as \$2,000,000. The fact that the crop was cut approximately 50 per cent by the boll weevil stimulated the

### The Young Lady Across the Way

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The young lady across the way says it's interesting enough to go to the New York Stock Exchange once in a while but she doesn't see why anybody wants to pay the prices anybody wants to pay for the season, worry about what a girl's father,

### Abe Martin



It hain't sayin' much for a country when you kin sleep in a box car 'nigh' write a southern jazz song 'morrow, an' ride in your own limousine from then on. Em Moots in a while but she doesn't see why anybody wants to pay the prices anybody wants to pay for the season, worry about what a girl's father,

## The Horoscope

"The stars tell, but do not compel."—Cpt. 1922, by McClure Newspaper Synd.

Tuesday, January 10, 1922.

This is a fairly fortunate day, according to astrology, but it is not a lucky one for starting on journeys. Uranus is strongly adverse, while Saturn is in benefic aspect.

Under this planetary government there is more than average danger from travel in electrically propelled conveyances.

Aviation is believed to be especially perilous while Uranus frowns on humanity.

Saturn gives encouragement to all who derive gain from the earth. Real estate concerns should benefit during this position of the stars.

Farmers seem to have a promising direction of the stars, but in many parts of the country heavy losses will be sustained, owing to storms and unusual weather conditions.

The affliction of the sun by Neptune given little promise of a decrease in crime and the signs seem to indicate that persons of education and social prominence will be implicated in strange cases of moral depravity.

Women should be exceedingly watchful this year in their associations with men, for the stars indicate that they will be more easily persuaded to forget social traditions than ever before.

The seers prophesy that one of the most prominent women in the country will end her career within a few months.

Railway stocks and shares may cut strange capers in the stock market, astrologers declare.

High tides on the eastern coast are foretold and towns may suffer severe damage.

Venus culminating at Petrograd in sextile to Jupiter denoted a more peaceful time for Russia.

Spain should benefit at this time, because Venus is in Sagittarius, its ruling sign.

Persons whose birthdate it is should avoid speculation and risks during 1922. Changes will not be lucky.

Children born on this day may be restless and unsettled, but they will have power to climb high. Both girls and boys should be successful and prosperous.

## Benny's Notebook

Frank Feernot and the Millionaire.

A play. Scene, boys throwing snow balls at old man.

Frank Feernot. Hey, cut that out, You're old yourself some day if you live that long. I'll give you all a good swift kick in the pants if you don't leave that poor old man alone.

Old man. I am a old man but I'm not poor. I'm rich.

Frank Feernot. I'm glad to hear it for your sake.

Old man. A million dollars don't mean any more to me than a cent. Heir, I'll give you out a check for a million as a side reward for your bravery.

Frank Feernot. No thanks I wouldn't know what to do with it and it would only get in the way.

Old man. How sensible for one so young. Well then how about a half a million will we're on the subject?

Frank Feernot. Well I don't want to appear selfish and not take anything. I'll take a dime if it's all the same to you.

Old man. Sure, I don't think any more of a dime than I do of a million, that's how rich I am. Heers the dime and I'll leave you the million in my will.

Frank Feernot. Thanks, I wouldn't mind having it that way.

Old man. Maybe I'll leave you 2 million for good measure. Well good by.

Frank Feernot. Good by. Be careful you don't slip on the ice because your bones break easy at your age.

Frank Feernot. Holy smokes I forgot to give him my name and address.

The end.

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